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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is a fully and timely response to the final Office Action of October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 18). Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-46 are currently pending and stand rejected by the Examiner.

§ 102 rejection

Claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-22, 24-27, 29-37, and 39-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,440,632 to Bacon et al. ("Bacon"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites:

A set-top terminal for connecting a subscriber to a cable network, said terminal comprising:
a processor; and
a memory unit,